

(AMENDED) The consult leg call (call from first called party to a second called party) is extended to the second called party. If the first called party drops from the call, the second called party may, if eligible, redirect the call to another called party. At any point where a party receiving a call may have call redirection capability, it is possible for that party to conduct any number of consult leg calls, one after another. Such a consult leg call or further redirect would involve an SCP receiving a fifth message and processing the fifth message to generate a sixth message containing third call handling information.